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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2007-26	
14	ALEJANDRO SADY-KENNEDY 27758 Santa Margarita Parkway, Ste. 118 Mission Viejo, CA 92691	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
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16	Certificate No. CPA 48081		
17	Respondent.		
18	1. Carol Sigmann (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California Board of		
19	Accountancy (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in		
20	this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by G. Michael		
21	German, Deputy Attorney General.		
22	2. Respondent Alejandro Sady-Kennedy (Respondent) is representing himself in thi		
23	proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.		
24	3. On or about May 29, 1987, the Board issued Certificate No. CPA 48081 to		
25	Respondent. The Certificate expired on January 1, 2006.		
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
27	4. Accusation No. AC-2007-26 was filed before the Board and is currently pending		
28	against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly		

served on Respondent on June 8, 2007. A copy of Accusation No. AC-2007-26 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC-2007-26. Respondent has also carefully read and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation contained in the first and second causes for discipline in Accusation No. 2007-31.
- 9. Respondent agrees that his Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order revoking his license without further process.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the

Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

OTHER MATTERS

- 12. The parties understand and agree that the costs of investigation and enforcement of this disciplinary action (including Attorney General billing) total \$4,078.40 through June 22, 2007. These costs are the actual and total costs incurred by the Board to investigate and prosecute the case. Respondent agrees to pay the Board \$1,000.00 of these costs of investigation and enforcement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision and Order, by making payment in certified funds to the California Board of Accountancy, 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95815-3832. The remaining \$3,078.40 is waived unless and until Respondent seeks reinstatement of his Certificate or applies for a new Certificate with the Board, at which time it shall be paid in full before the Board will consider Respondent's petition for reinstatement or application for a new Certificate.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certificate No. CPA 48081 issued to Respondent Alejandro Sady-Kennedy (Respondent) is revoked.

1. The revocation of Respondent's Certificate shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

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- Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Certified Public Accountant in 2. California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both its Registration wall and 3. pocket license certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- Respondent shall not petition for reinstatement or apply for reissuance of his 4. Certificate No. 48081, or any other license, for a period of one (1) year. If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. AC-2007-26 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- Respondent shall pay the Board \$1,000.00 of its costs of investigation and 5. enforcement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Decision and Order, by making payment in certified funds to the California Board of Accountancy, 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95815-3832. The remaining \$3,078.40 is waived unless and until Respondent seeks reinstatement of his Certificate or applies for a new Certificate with the Board, at which time it shall be paid in full before the Board will consider Respondent's petition for reinstatement or application for a new Certificate.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board.

DATED:

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Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy.

DATED: June 26, 2007

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California

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Certificate No. CPA 48081 Respondent.				
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DECISION AND ORDER				
The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by				
the California Board of Accountancy as its Decision in this matter.				
This Decision shall become effective	e on August 30, 2007			
It is so ORDERED	2007			

Exhibit A
Accusation No. AC-2007-26

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15	Certificate No. CPA 48081		
16	Respondent.		
17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	1. Carol Sigmann (Complainant) brings	this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy (Board), Department of		
21	Consumer Affairs (Department).		
22	2. On or about May 29, 1987, the Board issued certificate number 48081 (Certified		
23	Public Accountant) to Alejandro Sady-Kennedy (Respondent). The certificate was in full force		
24	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on January 1, 2006.		
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board and Department under the authority		
27	of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless		
28	otherwise indicated.		

4. Section 475 states, in pertinent part:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the denial of licenses on the grounds of:

(2) Conviction of a crime.

- (3) Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another.
- (4) Commission of any act which, if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

5 Section 482 of the Code states:

Each board under the provisions of this code shall develop criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when:

- (a) Considering the denial of a license by the board under Section 480; or
- (b) Considering suspension or revocation of a license under Section 490.

Each board shall take into account all competent evidence of rehabilitation furnished by the applicant or licensee.

6. Section 490 of the Code states:

A board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

7. Section 493 of the Code states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction

is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in 1 question. 2 As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority," and "registration." 3 Section 499 of the Code states: 8. A board may revoke, suspend, or otherwise restrict a license on the ground 5 that the licensee, in support of another person's application for license, knowingly made a false statement of a material fact or knowingly omitted to state a material 6 fact to the board regarding the application. Section 5063 of the Code states, in part pertinent: 9. 8 (a) A licensee shall report to the board in writing of the occurrence of any 9 of the following events occurring on or after January 1, 1997, within 30 days of the date the licensee has knowledge of these events: 10 (1) The conviction of the licensee of any of the following: 11 (A) A felony. 12 (B) Any crime related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a public 13 accountant or certified public accountant, or to acts or activities in the course and scope of the practice of public accountancy. 14 (C) Any crime involving theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds 15 or property, breach of a fiduciary responsibility, or the preparation, publication, or dissemination of false, fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statements, 16 reports, or information. 17 As used in this section, a conviction includes the initial plea, verdict, or finding of guilt, pleas of no contest, or pronouncement of sentence by a trial court 18 even though that conviction may not be final or sentence actually imposed until appeals are exhausted. 19 20 (d) The report required by subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) shall be signed by 21 the licensee and set forth the facts which constitute the reportable event. If the reportable event involves the action of an administrative agency or court, then the 22 report shall set forth the title of the matter, court or agency name, docket number, and dates of occurrence of the reportable event. 23 24 Section 5100 of the Code states, in part pertinent: 10. 25 After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew 26 any permit or certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 5080), or may censure the holder of that 27 permit or certificate for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes: 28

- (a) Conviction of any crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a certified public accountant or a public accountant.
- (b) A violation of Section 478, 498, or 499 dealing with false statements or omissions in the application for a license, in obtaining a certificate as a certified public accountant, in obtaining registration under this chapter, or in obtaining a permit to practice public accountancy under this chapter.
- (c) Dishonesty, fraud, gross negligence, or repeated negligent acts committed in the same or different engagements, for the same or different clients, or any combination of engagements or clients, each resulting in a violation of applicable professional standards that indicate a lack of competency in the practice of public accountancy or in the performance of the bookkeeping operations described in Section 5052.
- (g) Willful violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board under the authority granted under this chapter.
 - (i) Fiscal dishonesty or breach of fiduciary responsibility of any kind.
- (j) Knowing preparation, publication, or dissemination of false, fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statements, reports, or information.
- (k) Embezzlement, theft, misappropriation of funds or property, or obtaining money, property, or other valuable consideration by fraudulent means or false pretenses.

11. Section 5106 of the Code states:

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof. The board may order the certificate or permit suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a certificate or permit, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made, suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.

12. Sections 125.3 and 5107 of the Code together provide:

The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violationis of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees. The board shall not recover costs incurred at the administrative hearing.

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(c) Dishonesty, fraud, or gross negligence in the practice of public

accountancy or in the performance of the bookkeeping operations described in Section 5052 of the code;

- (d) Violation of any of the provisions of Chapter 1, Division III of the Business and Professions Code or willful violation of any rule or regulation of the board.
- 15. Regulations, section 99.1 states:

When considering the denial of a certificate or permit under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code, the suspension or revocation of a certificate or permit or restoration of a revoked certificate under Section 11522 of the Government Code, the board, in evaluating the rehabilitation of the applicant and his present eligibility for a certificate or permit, will consider the following criteria:

- (1) Nature and severity of the act(s) or offense(s).
- (2) Criminal record and evidence of any act(s) committed subsequent to the act(s) or offense(s) under consideration which also could be considered as grounds for denial, suspension or revocation.
- (3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offense(s) referred to in subdivision (1) or (2).
- (4) The extent to which the applicant or licensee has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or licensee.
- (5) If applicable, evidence of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
 - (6) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or licensee.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(9-23-04 Conviction Bank Fraud, Wire Fraud & Money Laundering, from 1998 to 2004)

Respondent is subject to discipline under sections 490 and 5100(a), in that he sustained a criminal conviction that is substantially related to his qualifications, functions and duties as an accountant. On or about September 23, 2004, in a criminal proceeding entitled *United States of America v. Alberto Mordoki, Mirella Mordoki, and Alejandro Sady-Kennedy* in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Southern Division, Case Number SA CR 04-063-DOC, Respondent was convicted by plea of guilty of violating Title 18, U.S. Code, section 1344 [bank fraud], a felony; Title 18, U.S. Code, section 1343 [wire fraud], a felony; and Title 18, U.S. Code, sections 1956(a)(1)(B) and 1956(a)2(b) [money laundering with intent to conceal], a felony. The circumstances are as follows:

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Beginning in at least 1998, and continuing to March 29, 2004, Respondent a. in concert with three other defendants (collectively, "defendants"), knowingly and with the intent to defraud, executed a scheme to obtain moneys owned by and in the custody and control of federally-insured banks, by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representation, and promises, and the concealment of material facts. Defendants used stolen or fraudulent identities to pose as the buyers and sellers of real estate and as the real estate and loan brokers who were handling the transactions. Defendants used real and fictitious companies to pose as employers and landlords who would provide verification of the purported borrowers' employment, income and rent history. Defendants used stolen or fraudulent identities to establish mail drops and phone numbers to use as contact addresses and phone numbers for the fictitious borrowers, sellers, employers, landlords, and real estate agents and brokers on loan applications. Defendants used false W-2 forms and pay stubs in support of the loan applications. Defendants assembled the fraudulent information described above to complete loan applications. These applications were then submitted to various lenders. In many cases, defendants submitted these loan packages posing as real estate brokers using the stolen identities of actual brokers. Defendants also posed as real estate or loan agents using stolen or fabricated identities of loan agents and real estate agents. After purchasing the properties, defendants frequently sold properties to themselves using yet another stolen or fraudulent identity for the new purchaser. After several such sales, defendants often took out a second mortgage on the property to exhaust all remaining equity. A number of the properties that defendants purchased and sold eventually went into foreclosure thereby causing financial losses to lenders.

Defendants took the proceeds from the loans, including any agent fees, commissions and insurance payments, and deposited them into bank accounts established in the names of companies controlled by defendants or in bank accounts opened in the names of individuals using stolen or fraudulent identity information.

In furtherance of this scheme, Respondent executed or caused the execution of the following:

1. In June 2001, the submission of W-2 forms and pay stubs that Respondent

knew were fraudulent in support of a loan application to D Trade Mortgage Corporation, a federally insured financial institution, for the purchase of 1463 East 108th Street, Los Angeles, California.

- 2. In October 2001, the wiring of proceeds to fund a second mortgage for 11305 Alvaro Street, Los Angeles, California, which mortgage Respondent knew was obtained based on fraudulent information submitted to a lender.
- 3. On February 26, 2001, the issuance of check #396 in the amount of \$2,161 from account of E.H. American Mortgage Corp. at Bank of America to Ruben Lus, which check Respondent knew represented the proceeds of the bank fraud and wire fraud scheme described above, and the issuance of which was intended to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceeds of such specified unlawful activity.

The execution of the above described scheme over the course of many years required the use of sophisticated means, and involved more than one victim. The above described scheme to defraud affected a financial institution and Respondent derived more than \$1,000,000 in gross proceeds from the offense.

b. Respondent is currently scheduled to be sentenced on June 25, 2007.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report Conviction)

17. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 5063(a)(1)(A-C) in that he failed to report his September 23, 2004 conviction, as detailed in paragraph 16, above, to the Board within thirty days after it was entered by his guilty plea made that same date.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Violation of the Code)

- 18. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 5100 in that between 1998 and 2004, he failed to comply with the following sections of the Code. Any one of these failures, or any part thereof, is, in and of itself, a sufficient basis upon which to impose discipline.
- a. <u>Section 5100(b):</u> Respondent knowingly made false statements of material fact, or knowingly omitted to state a material fact, to the Contractor's State License Board

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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking, suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number 48081 issued to Alejandro Sady-Kennedy;
 - 2. Awarding the Board costs as provided by statute; and,
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as may be required.

DATED: May 29, 2007

Carol Sigmann, Executive Office California Board of Accountancy Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Complainant